Mayor Lisa Brown

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Washington State Department of Ecology
3100 Port of Benton Boulevard
Richland, WA 99354

To Whom It May Concern:

Once again, the City of Spokane strongly opposes the shipment of liquid radioactive hazardous waste from the Hanford site through the City of Spokane. Radioactive waste shipped in its liquid form creates a significant and unacceptable risk of accident or spill that could impact our residents, businesses, and visitors. Rail and vehicular traffic passes through the heart of downtown Spokane over high bridges and elevated viaducts. We cannot afford the long-lasting risk of an accident or spill of liquid radioactive hazardous waste in our city.

The City of Spokane requests that the Washington State Department of Ecology work with the Department of Energy to reduce the risk to Spokane residents and first responders by requiring the grouting of any liquid radioactive hazardous waste before transport from the Hanford site through the city of Spokane.

The City of Spokane welcomes the opportunity to meet with the Department of Ecology and the Department of Energy to outline these concerns and look for opportunities to mitigate the risks to our residents and first responders.

Sincerely,

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